



The Steeple

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Psalm 90:16-17 ¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands -- O prosper the work of our hands!

Dear St. Paul UMC and East Alton 1st UMC,

May the peace of Christ always be with you!

As I shared with you at our Oct. 22nd worship service, we barely have a few weeks to go before we begin a brand New Year. But these final months of 2023 will be the busiest. Just thinking about our activities made me wonder if our bodies can take the beating of work, preparations, stresses, anxieties, and anticipations all together again. You will maybe agree with me that our energy of last year deteriorated this year? Remember the saying? "Nobody gets younger every day"... and that's a fact. But then again, the energy of the Lord never changes. The power he demonstrated in biblical times is the same power that will sustain us through the year. Then let us be courageous and be bold.

Isaiah 40:28-31 says; ²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹**He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.** ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

If this was the promise of God for all His people, then let us not worry and be afraid. **His work and His glorious power** will indeed be made known in all of us... HIS servants (Psalm 90:16-17). Meaning, our strength will come from the Lord who lives... IN ALL of us. So, all we must do is to have Faith, Love, and Hope that we share with our God in Christ our Savior. Let us make these final days of 2023 meaningful by reaching out to the community, setting aside ourselves, and making Jesus our goal... to make HIM known. Let the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us as we do the Lord's work. And may we be pleasing in HIS sight with dedication and perseverance. I am indeed excited to work with all of you in the name of Christ, the risen Savior.

¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (***Col 3:17***)

Hallelujah and to God be the Glory!!

Blessings to all!

Edward Granadosin

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Pastor of East Alton 1st UMC and St. Paul UMC

"There is always, always something to be thankful for."





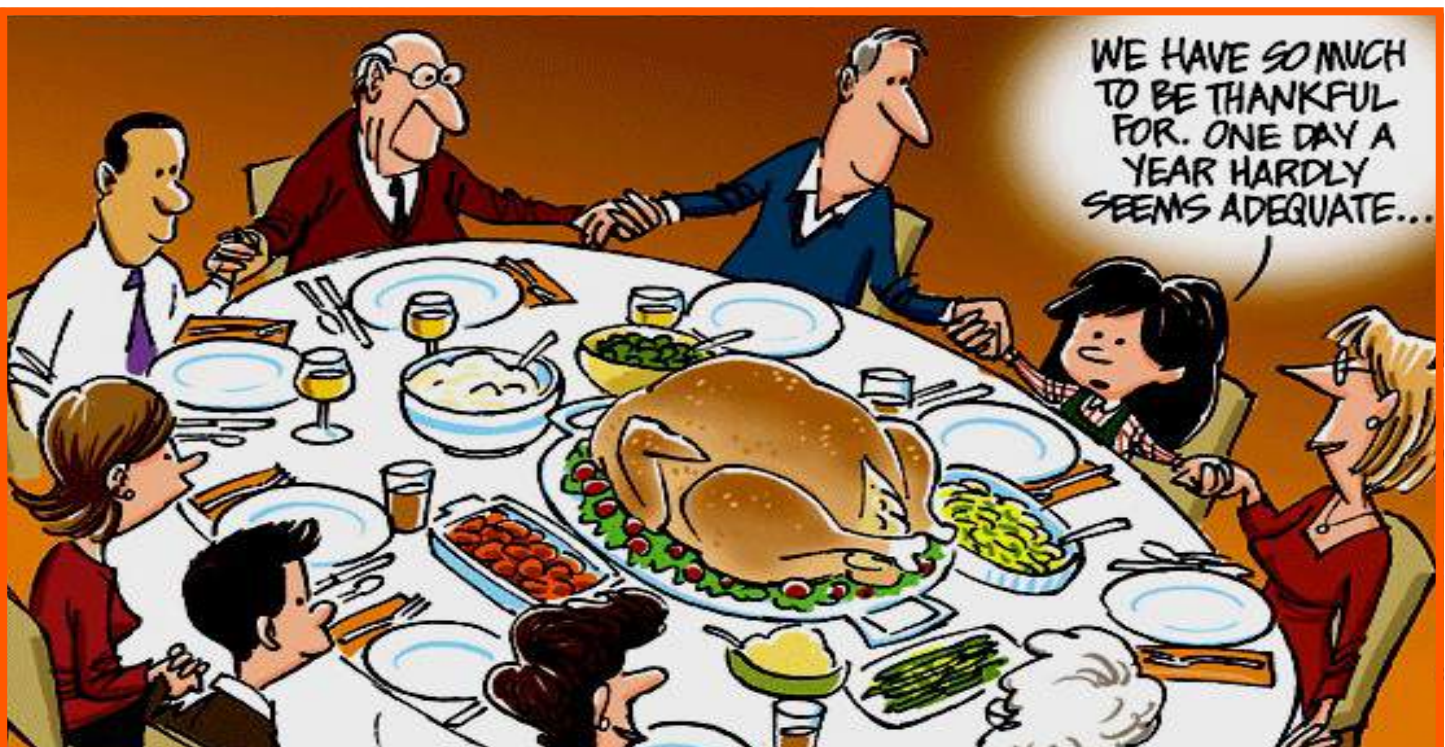
OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- **Congratulations to Leona Hendricks** upon her retirement!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the families & friends of **Michael “Mike” Jordan (83)**, a Roxana High School graduate known by many at St. Paul UMC; and **Kimberly Dreith-Embry (63)**, longtime friend of Lois Mitchell & Ruth Bell. **May everyone who is touched by loss know God’s peace through it all.**

THANK YOU! A big thank you for all the cards, calls, prayers, and visits that were filled with love. It really helped us get through the death of our grandson, the death of our niece, and John’s hospitalization and health concerns. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. God bless you all! **-John & Iris Uzzell**

THANK YOU! A big thank you to the folks who came and helped at our Fall Work Day! There is always something that needs attention inside or out and we so appreciate folks who will pitch in and help keep the facility that we have been blessed with in good shape!
-Board of Trustees

THANK YOU! Dear Friends at St. Paul...Thank you so much for your gifts to CHC... and more so for your faithful, ongoing support! Your partnership provides food for thousands of families - over 6,000 last year - and prayer. Thank you, and may Jesus bless you! Together in Ministry, **-Paul Miltzer, Community Hope Center**



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



Children's Church will begin on Sunday, Dec. 3rd during the 8:45a.m. Worship Service.

It will be for children ages 5-10 yrs. old.

The time will include an activity, a story that matches up with the sermon, a Bible Verse of the Month, a Song of the Month, a craft, and learning the Lord's Prayer. There will be a teacher and a helper each Sunday at Children's Church!

Watch for a handout filled with more information on a later Sunday during November!

WE HOPE YOU ARE AS EXCITED AS WE ARE!!

**SEASONAL ITEMS!
THANKSGIVING
and CHRISTMAS
ITEMS!**



There are still several wonderful decorations and possible gifts available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to see if

anything is what you are looking for or is the perfect gift to give. You may even come during the week to check it all out!

-Women Of Worship



Cap 'N Mitten Tree 2023



NOV. 5th - DEC. 3rd!

AROUND THANKSGIVING OR THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2024



WILL BE POSTED!!

Be yourself No one can say
you're doing it wrong

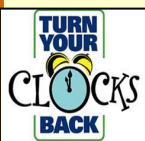
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St. Paul Sunday Service in **NOVEMBER** 8:45 a.m.

St. Paul UMC is part of a two-point charge with East Alton First UMC. Each congregation has one service on Sundays and Pastor Ed serves as the pastor in both places. The service at St. Paul UMC begins at 8:45 a.m. You are also welcome to attend the service at East Alton First UMC which begins at 10:15 a.m. if you cannot get here at the earlier time. Please, keep both congregations in your prayers as we work together. Thank you!



5th: All Saints Sunday. Communion Today. Daylight Saving Time Ends.

Scriptures: *Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;*
1 Thess 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12



12th: Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday. Veterans' Sunday.

Scriptures: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;*
1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13



19th: Bounty Sunday.



Scriptures: *Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30*

26th: Scriptures: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23;*
Matthew 25:31-46

Wesley Sunday School Class

meets After Service Ends in the Parlor!

Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class

meets After Service Ends in classroom on the main hallway!



BIBLE STUDY!

We are meeting on Mondays at 1:30p.m. in the Parlor! To be ready to study... simply bring your Bible! I hope to see you there! ~Pastor Ed~

Event: Help Serve a complimentary Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Lunch. **This is open to the Public!**

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov 19, 2023 @11:30am

Where: East Alton 1st UMC Fellowship Hall

We each have our own annual events. Our goal is to be intentional with our joint fellowships; in this way we can show the love of God by joining our forces together to reach out to our neighbors. If St Paul UMC members would like to join us as we offer up cooked turkey and some sides with it, this will indeed help bless a lot of people this **Thanksgiving 2023**. WE will of course have the opportunity to fellowship with our visitors as well. Please, join us as we address the need around us! Questions? **Call Pastor Ed (702-583-8851).** Thank you and God bless!



We are currently looking for anyone in the congregation who would be interested in and able to offer **rides** to folks who would like to be coming to church but have no way to get here...perhaps they have had to sell their car or the person that used to bring them has to work on Sunday now, etc. **If you are someone** who might be able to help at least one Sunday a month, please contact **Tammy Atchley at 618-466-7930** or call the **church office at 618-259-5210**. Thank you in advance!!

2023 ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

- Nov 5: by Mike & Linda Scroggins in memory of their son, Paul.
- Nov 12: by John & Leona Hendricks in celebration of Anna & Jonathan's Anniversary!
- Nov 19: by Randy & Karen Roberts in memory of Bob & Joy Kissack.
- Nov 26: by Joyce Tappy in memory of husband, George.



CONTINUOUS FOOD DRIVE: The Outreach Ministry Team will keep a "Food Drive" going. If you can, whenever you shop, get a few extra non-perishables to bring to church for us to give to the food pantries! (**Suggestions:** Oat Milk or Coconut Milk the non-refrigerated kind, Powdered Milk, Mayonnaise, Can Opener, Oil, Coffee, Tuna Fish, Crackers, Tea Bags, Spaghetti Sauce in a can, Pasta, Salt & Pepper, Canned Vegetables or Meat, Ketchup & Mustard, Dish Detergent, Spices, Sugar, Flour, etc.) You are awesome! Thank you!!

BOUNTY SUNDAY: Because we are doing the Continuous Food Drive, Bounty Sunday is different. During November try to also bring the foods of the season: Cans of Corn, Green Beans, Yams, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin; and Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Mac & Cheese. We will bless all that we have given so far in 2023 on Nov. 19th!

NOVEMBER OFFICE HOURS (may be subject to change):

(ALSO, IT IS POSTED ON THE CHURCH OFFICE DOOR)

November 6-7,13-14,20-21,27-28 = 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

November 1,8,15,22,29 = Office Closed for regular Wednesday week day off

November 2-3,9-10,16-17,30 = 9 or 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

ON November 9 WILL BE GONE FROM 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. FOR LUNCH

ON November 23 OFF for THANKSGIVING and 24 OFF on a VACATION DAY!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

“Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work!”

- 01-Nov Richard Demond
- 01-Nov Kyle Norris
- 02-Nov Larry Ballard
- 03-Nov Monna Bishop
- 04-Nov Maximus Justice
- 05-Nov Raegan Martin
- 05-Nov Amber McCammon
- 06-Nov Karen Hatten
- 06-Nov Brett Huff
- 06-Nov Madelaine Ramirez
- 06-Nov Morgann Ramirez
- 06-Nov Lilly Shaffer
- 07-Nov Corinne Crandall
- 07-Nov Courtney Dorsey
- 08-Nov Donna Badman
- 08-Nov Christopher Ricketts
- 09-Nov Caroline Crandall
- 11-Nov Julie Brown
- 11-Nov Bill Crain Jr.
- 12-Nov Daniel Jensen Jr.
- 12-Nov Charlie Sparling
- 13-Nov Charles McKnelly
- 14-Nov Jim Funke

- 14-Nov Julie Natsch
- 15-Nov Cathy Dorsey
- 15-Nov Joe Hanfelder
- 15-Nov Steve Natsch
- 17-Nov Kristi Ward
- 18-Nov Ashley Babcock
- 18-Nov Heather McCammon
- 19-Nov Nathan Chester
- 21-Nov Emma Martin
- 21-Nov Jason Ortegren
- 22-Nov Ryleigh Spurgeon
- 25-Nov Jill Taylor-Sullivan
- 26-Nov Emma Wood
- 27-Nov Paul Mormino
- 27-Nov Greg Mortland
- 28-Nov Dan Davis
- 29-Nov Jacob Crews
- 30-Nov Sam Brown

- 30-Nov Adyson Bunt
- 30-Nov Dot Elliott
- 30-Nov Rachel McPheters



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 01-Nov Mark & Debbie Bacus
- 01-Nov Douglas & Susan Phelps
- 03-Nov Mickey & Cathy Dorsey
- 03-Nov Jim & Anna Mae Stewart
- 05-Nov Daniel Jr. & Lindsey Jensen
- 07-Nov Mike & Bobbie Jean Schlemer
- 11-Nov Josh & Jordan Brown
- 18-Nov Ian & Tamera Martin

- 23-Nov Allan & Kyle Napp
- 26-Nov Jim & Anita Dawson
- 29-Nov Mike & Ricci Voorhees



WE NEED INFO FOR THE NEXT CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Please contact the church office if you (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) have had a **change of address, phone number, or email address since the last printing!**



OCTOBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	10/1/2023 thru 10/31/2023	\$13406.00
Designated Giving:	10/1/2023 thru 10/31/2023	917.74
	Capital Improvements	345.00
	Loose Change	60.74
	Flowers	200.00
	Women of Worship	110.00
	Upper Room	2.00
	Coats 4 Kids Drive	200.00
	Memorials	0.00
	UMCOR	0.00
	Reimbursement	0.00
	World Communion	50.00
	Online Giving	454.25
	Capital Campaign	50.00
Total:		\$14877.99



An important reminder... there are several ways to send your tithes & offerings if you cannot be here. You can send through the U.S. Mail, through Bill Pay with your bank or Credit Union, through our website's Online Giving (VANCO), and by bringing it by the church during the week. If you plan to bring it by, please, call first to make sure we know you are on the way.

Thank you so much!

**DEADLINE FOR
DECEMBER 2023
STEEPLE,
Monday,
November 20th!**

GENERAL CONFERENCE
General & Jurisdictional Conference:
 The General Commission on General Conference announced that it has had to, once again, postpone General Conference due to unavoidable complications. The global gathering is hoping to meet in-person **around APRIL 2024**.
Keep this important meeting in your prayers!



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

The November Loose Change Project is the Mid-West Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. This is a United Methodist warehouse/depot out of which materials and supplies are distributed throughout the United States and the world at times of natural and man-made disasters. May God bless and multiply your gifts!



Annual Coats 4 Kids Drive

It is time to collect donations for the Riverbend Head Start & Family Services to buy new & used, coats & shoes. We do this in the fall. This year, they have indicated that they **prefer** to receive monetary donations, but if you have a gently used or even new child's coat, they can take that, too. For us, the drive will go



from October 1 thru

November 5. We ask that if you can, please add a gift for the **COATS 4 KIDS DRIVE** in with your tithe and offerings. **Mark on the front of your offering envelope or check what amount we should direct to them for this annual drive!** Thank you so much in advance! Call the church office with questions!

-OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM



THERE ARE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN THE SWEET SOUNDS

Qualifications: Must be male or female; young, middle age, old, older. Must be able to walk and step onto the van.

NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED! If you like to sing that is a **BIG PLUS**. You don't have to be trained in opera or even country music. Can't read music? That is **OKAY**; we only use the words. Must be able to shake hands & spread some sunshine! You need no computer savvy, bookkeeping skills, or accounting degree.

Should be available most Fridays (at 12:45 p.m.) of the month and one Monday (at 1:00 p.m.).

APPLY IN PERSON AND BE PREPARED TO STAY. *Excellent benefits to your mind, body, and soul. God and Sweet Sounds need you in this outreach ministry today!*

Music IS a powerful memory!

Our members have come from several churches and communities. For more information call Dorothy Kasinger at 618-259-7255 or email to her at dorothydlk@charter.net. Give us a try this year!

Don't let anyone rent a space in your head, unless they're a good tenant.

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2023 STEWARDSHIP
→ **REMEMBER YOUR GIVING!**

...to keep the ministry of St. Paul UMC growing; a ministry which is needed now more than ever!
Thank you!!



Thank You!

2023 FALL FESTIVAL

THANK YOU: The **Women of Worship** send a super big thank you to everyone who helped with the **FALL FESTIVAL** in **any** way! Working, donating, buying, cooking, cleaning up, etc. It is all important, necessary, and you were wonderful! Approximately **\$4456** was raised (with more coming in as crafts continue to be sold and this month we will start selling pecans)! Thank you doesn't seem like enough but it is what we have to give...God Bless you all for what you do to make this event even possible!



PECANS

COMING IN EARLY NOV.!

Regular 1lb. bag = **\$12**
Chocolate-covered = **\$11**

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11TH NOVEMBER

VETERANS DAY

★ ★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★ ★



Everyone is welcomed to come help the Worship Ministry Team decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 25th from 9 a.m. - Noon!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If bad weather requires the cancellation of our worship service and Sunday School, we will:

- ✂ **ACTIVATE "OTTO" OUR PHONE TREE CALLING SYSTEM!**
- ✂ contact TV Channel 5 to list it
- ✂ post a notice on our website www.stpaulwired.org (if possible) and on our Facebook page (**St. Paul United Methodist-East Alton IL**)
- ✂ contact those on the e-mail & phone prayer chain (if possible)



EVENING RE-AWAKENING SERVICE

The Re-Awakening Service meets on the First Thursday of the month. It is not defined as a “contemporary service,” but rather as a relaxed style of worship that can be fluid with its music and messages. **Collect up your family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances and join us for a meal and service once a month!!**

November 2nd will be the next service!! Our speaker this night is Rev. Lois Mitchell! The meal is at 5:30p.m. with hot dogs and sides (perhaps someone can also bring desserts) and the service starts about 6:15p.m.

We are hopeful that one day this will reach others and lead to other doors opening, such as a kids’ ministry on Thursday evenings. We are excited and looking forward to being together in the same space for worship.

Lauren & Patterson Friese (618-660-7967)



In a world where you can be anything ... Be Kind!

We will continue to regularly meet. We are **on a Sunday evening program now**. We are **meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 4pm-5:30pm**. We are looking for snack sponsors to help feed the kids. Remember, friends of the church, we need your help, more than ever, encouraging our young people to get involved.

In Christ’s Love & Kindness, Patterson & Lauren Friese - Youth Leaders
(217-851-4651) (patterson.friese@gmail.com)

→ COFFEE BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS:

Do you enjoy having coffee waiting for you when you arrive? Would you like this to continue? Would you be willing to **volunteer** to help? It is easy... You can even bring snacks if you want to! Please, sign-up if you will help!



Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve.
Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.
Blessings are when He is generous with both.
Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.
God is Good All The Time!



There is a "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope in with your regular envelopes. As you plan what to give for a "Thanksgiving Offering," you may choose to designate it for a missionary, a mission project, or any local church fund. You may also leave it "undesignated."

This year the **undesignated monies** will go:

50% to our HELPING HANDS and 50% to the TRUSTEES EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND.

We thank you in advance for giving!



Outreach FOR Christmas

The **Student Councils of Roxana Jr. & Sr. High Schools** are preparing to host their **27th Annual Community Christmas for Kids**. The purpose of this event is to provide children of the Riverbend area with a happy holiday and to foster good community service within the Roxana School District.

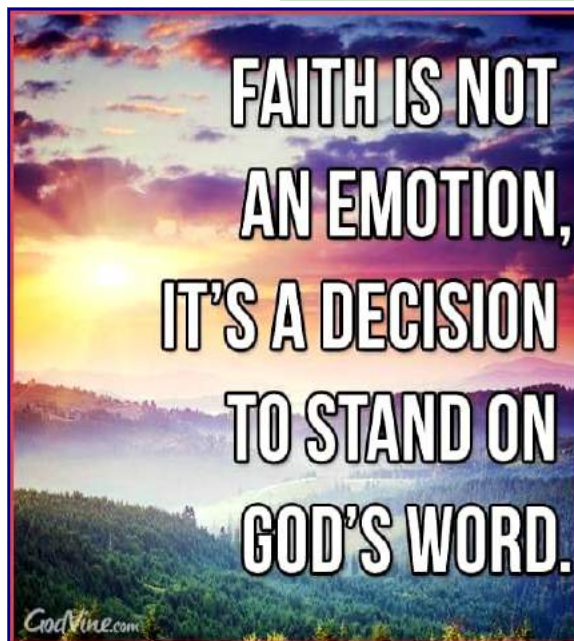
What Is Needed: **Donations of unwrapped new toys & clothes for children aged infant to 13 years old, wrapping paper, & tape** in the box in the entryway outside the sanctuary **OR** you can make a **monetary donation** (average cost per child is \$35) made out to the **"RCUSD Student Councils"** and placed in an envelope marked **RHS Kids Christmas** and give it to the church office or put it in the offering plate.

We need the donations by Dec. 3rd; then the items and donations will be delivered to the school district.

Your generosity is always appreciated!

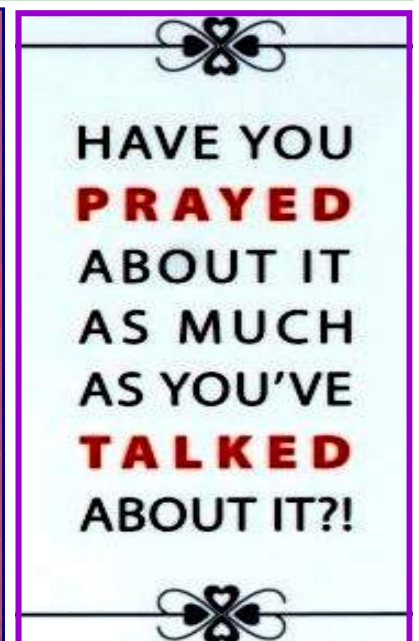


DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5



FAITH IS NOT AN EMOTION, IT'S A DECISION TO STAND ON GOD'S WORD.

GodVine.com



HAVE YOU PRAYED ABOUT IT AS MUCH AS YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT IT?!